

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1(previously presented). A composition comprising polyvinyl alcohol, sodium chloride, at least one water soluble silicate, water and at least one additive; wherein the composition has a basic pH.

2(previously presented). A composition comprising a combination comprising polyvinyl alcohol, at least one silicon containing foam suppressant, water, at least one water soluble silicate and sodium chloride; wherein the composition has a basic pH.

3(original). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the water comprises naturally occurring salt containing water.

4(original). The composition of Claim 2 wherein the water comprises naturally occurring salt containing water.

5(previously presented). The composition of Claim 1 wherein said at least one water soluble silicate comprises sodium silicate.

6(previously presented). The composition of Claim 2 wherein said at least one water soluble silicate comprises sodium silicate.

7(cancelled).

8(cancelled).

9(currently amended) The composition of Claim 1 wherein said composition further comprises [vinyl acetate emulsion] ethylene vinyl acetate and copolymers thereof.

10(currently amended). The composition of Claim 2 wherein said composition further comprises [vinyl acetate emulsion] ethylene vinyl acetate and copolymers thereof.

11(previously presented). A composition comprising a combination comprising polyvinyl alcohol, at least one water soluble silicate, at least one silicon containing foam suppressant, water, and sodium chloride and wherein the composition has a basic pH.

12(previously presented). A composition comprising polyvinyl alcohol, sodium chloride, at least one water soluble silicate, water and at least one additive and mixtures thereof; wherein the amount of water is at least about 70 wt.%.

13(previously presented). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of defoaming agents, anti-microbial agents, surfactants, anti-freeze, dyes and thickeners.

14(previously presented). The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is substantially free of toxic components.

15(previously presented). The composition of Claim 11 wherein the at least one water soluble silicate comprises sodium silicate.

16(previously presented). The composition of Claim 12 wherein the at least one water soluble silicate comprises sodium silicate.

17(previously presented). The composition of Claim 1 further comprising sodium hydroxide.

18(previously presented). The composition of Claim 2 further comprising sodium hydroxide.

19(previously presented). The composition of Claim 11 further comprising sodium hydroxide.

20(previously presented). The composition of Claim 12 further comprising sodium hydroxide.